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SUBJECT: ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING PROPOSED AGENDA

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1. DFA HAS RESPONDED TO OUR PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE
FORTHCOMING JUNE 7-8 ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING BY SUGGESTING
A MODEST RESTRUCTURING. AUSTRALIAN COMMENTS ARE DESIGNED,
ACCORDING TO FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY PIERRE HUTTON, TO
GET CERTAIN TOPICS OUT OF THE WAY EARLY IN THE
COUNCIL SESSIONS SO THAT MINISTERS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
TO SPEND MORE TIME ON SUBJECTS OF CONTEMPORARY INTEREST
TO THEM DURING THE SECOND DAY'S SESSION. ESSENTIALLY,
THE GOA SUGGESTS THAT MORNING SESSION ON JUNE 7 BE DEVOTED
TO U.S. PRESENTATION ON WORLD POLITICAL SITUATION INCLUDING
U.S. AND SOVIET MILITARY POSTURES; AFTERNOON SESSION BE
DEVOTED TO ARMS LIMITATION AND NON-PROLIFERATION
INITIATIVES (U.S. TO LEAD) AND ASIA AND PACIFIC (AUSTRALIA
TO LEAD). FINAL SESSION, MORNING OF JUNE 8, WOULD BE
DEVOTED TO WORLD ECONOMIC OUTLOOK (NEW ZEALAND TO LEAD)
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AND CLOSING ARRANGEMENTS.

2. AUSTRALIAN PROPOSED AGENDA FOLLOWS:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7:

MORNING SESSION:

I WORLD POLITICAL SITUATION (U.S. TO LEAD)

A. UNITED STATES-SOVIET RELATIONS AND THE
FUTURE OF DETENTE.

B. MIDDLE EAST, SOUTERN AFRICA, THE HORN OF AFRICA

II UNITED STATES AND SOVIET MILITARY POSTURES IN THE
PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEANS.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

III ARMS LIMITATION AND NON-PROLIFERATION (U.S. TO LEAD)

A. INDIAN OCEAN ARMS LIMITATION, SALT.

B. CTB, NPT, INFCE, U.S. NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION.

IV ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (AUSTRALIA TO LEAD).

A. NORTH ASIA - JAPAN, CHINA, KOREA, TAIWAN, SINO-
SOVIET RELATIONS.

B. SOUTH EAST ASIA - ASEAN, INDO CHINA, REFUGEES.

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C. SOUTH PACIFIC - PAPUA NEW GUINEA, REGIONAL DE-
VELOPMENT, SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY, MICRONESIA.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8:

FINAL SESSION (MORNING):

IV ASIA AND THE PACIFIC CONTINUED (IF NECESSARY).

V WORLD ECONOMIC OUTLOOK (NEW ZEALAND TO LEAD).

A. GLOBAL OVERVIEW.

B. TRADE, MTN.

C. ENERGY, FOOD, LAW OF THE SEA.

VI CLOSING ARRANGEMENTS.

A. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

B. RELEASE OF COMMUNIQUE.

3. GOA ALSO INQUIRED WHETHER WE HAD ANY VIEWS ON MATTER OF TIMING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORTHCOMING ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING.

4. EMBASSY IS ENDEAVORING TO FIND OUT COMPOSITION OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION TO ANZUS COUNCIL SESSIONS. FINAL DECISIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE, BUT WE GATHER THAT DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY ANDREW PEACOCK, WITH PARTICIPATION FROM DFA (A SENIOR OFFICER AT THE FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL WHO HAS NOT YET BEEN CHOSEN, AND PROBABLY JOHN BURGESS, DEFENSE DIVISION, WHO HAS JUST BEEN IN WASHINGTON FOR THE INDIAN OCEAN TALKS), AUSTRALIAN DOD (THE CHIEF OF THE DEFENSE FORCE
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STAFF, GENERAL SIR ARTHUR MACDONALD AND, PROBABLY, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROBERT HAMILTON, STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY). WILL ADVISE FURTHER AS SOON AS WE HAVE FORMAL DELEGATION LIST.
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